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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

STILES, et al

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For: Novel Bacteriocins, Transport and Vector System and Method of Use Thereof

Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the number of claims and the filing fee, please amend the claims as follows:

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CANCEL claims 1-17, 19, and 21-36.

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Please ADD claims 41-49, as follows:

- A1
41. A method for inhibiting the growth of susceptible bacteria comprising providing a microorganism that expresses heterologous DNA encoding a brochocin peptide, and applying said microorganism to susceptible bacteria in an amount sufficient to inhibit the growth of the susceptible bacteria.